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HERRING ARE PLENTIFUL OUTSIDE BAY OF ISLANDS.

But For Some Unknown
Reason Do Not Remain
in Arms.

Three Salted Cargoes
at This Port This
Morning.

Recent reports from Bay of Islands, N. F., report calm and mild weather. Herring are fairly plentiful at McIvers and in Middle Arm. Three cargoes of salt herring have arrived here since last report.

According to most reports, herring are fairly abundant outside the bay, but for some unknown reason, they do not remain long in any of the Arms; a small body of fish appears one day and disappears the next.

All the vessels at Bay of Islands have picked up a few hundred barrels of herring, but no large catches have been made.

The Western Star says:

"During the early part of the week the herring seemed very plentiful and large catches were made in the arms. Later in the week, however, the dogfish and squid have been getting in their work, and quite a quantity of herring was destroyed. More favorable reports are expected from this week's fishing, now that the hurricane has abated."

The Star also says:

"Codfish are so plentiful in these waters at the present time as to give rise to the question whether it would not be more profitable for our fishermen to abandon herring and devote their attention to codfishing. The expense in outfitting would not be anywhere near so great and the resulting profit a great deal larger. Codfishing can be engaged in all the year round and is a more reliable means of earning a livelihood than herring fishing offers. As J. F. Downey, M. H. A., recently pointed out in a letter to the Chronicle, green fish will fetch about \$15 a quintal of 500 lbs. There is a certain and ready market for this staple article of food, yet many of our fishermen will lose time and money prosecuting the herring fishery, when they might reap good profits codfishing at half the expense."

The St. John's, N. F., Chronicle says:

"Capt. Conrad, representing the Gorton-Pew Company of Gloucester, is at present at Harbor Breton, and is trying to make arrangements with the government to have American vessels go in there to load herring for market. He has already paid a visit to Green Bay, where he loaded a large Canadian schooner. She left for the market over a week ago."

Three Craft Arrive with Salt Herring.

Late Saturday afternoon sch. Catherine Burke, Capt. George Peeples, arrived here with a full load of salt herring from Bonne Bay, N. F. Capt. Peeples reported good prospects there when he left, a week ago Friday. He had a good chance along up to Cape Sable, and there took the long, heavy westerly right square in the face. The wind would vary a point or so, just enough to spoil each tack, in consequence of which the craft logged over 400 miles in making the 218 mile journey from the Cape to this port.

This morning sch. Senator Gardner, Capt. Vincent Nelson, came in from Bonne Bay with a salt herring cargo. This craft and the British sch. Strathcona left Bonne Bay together, about the same time as sch. Catherine Burke, the Englishmen being also laden with salt herring and bound here. Capt. Nelson and the skipper of the Strathcona just before leaving had a little talk as to the relative sailing merits of their pet crafts, and in consequence of the same, a tidy little wager was posted, to go to the skipper first arriving at Gloucester. The Strathcona carried two topmasts and had her light sails, topsails, balloon jib and all, while the Senator is

"flat roofed" and had nothing but her four lowers. The Gardner is here and Capt. Nelson has won the race and the prize.

This forenoon sch. Alice R. Lawson, Capt. Charles Rudolph, arrived from Bonne Bay with a cargo of salt herring.

Newfoundland Government Report.

The latest Newfoundland government herring report says:

Lark Harbor—Herring still plentiful.

Sound Island—Sign of herring 1 1-2 barrels per net; codfish scarce.

Birchy Cove—Herring plentiful North Arm and vicinity; number of vessels there loading; weather mild.

Pilley's Island—Very good sign codfish; herring scarce.

Bonne Bay—Good catch of herring continues.

Nipper's Harbor—Moderate, raining; good sign of fish and herring.

St. Jacques—From 1 to 2 barrels herring taken here Friday. Light-keeper reports them numerous enough about St. Jacques island to be taken with dip net.

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Will Land Fish at This Port.

Steamer Nomad of Stonington, Conn., which has come here to engage in the steam shore netting fishery the same as the steamer Quoddy, went out Thursday to make the first set of her nets. She is quite a big craft, 75 or 80 feet long and will land her fish at this port, shipping them through Mr. Atwood, who has the Quoddy and a shipping plant here at Lantz's wharf.

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MANY FISH FARES AT T WHARF.

Prices Good Considering
Amount of Fish.

T wharf has what it expected this morning, a large number of fishing arrivals, with several large fares among them. No less than five of the big off shore fleet are there with fares ranging from 45,000 to 72,000 pounds, sch. Mary F. Curtis, Capt. Miles Somers, being high with the latter amount. Prices are good, considering the amount of fish which the 38 fares will produce.

Some of the shore boats have fine catches. Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, Capt. Herbert Thompson, hails for 29,000 and schs. Olive F. Hutchins, Sadie M. Nunan, Alice, Galatea and Margaret Dillon have from 15,000 to 20,000 pounds each, while quite a number have between 10,000 and 15,000 pounds.

New shore haddock brought \$4, new off-shores \$3.25 and old off-shores \$2.75. Large cod touched \$4.25 for the new goods and hake were strong at from \$2 to \$4.25. Pollock brought \$1.50. It looks like as good if not a better market tomorrow.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Georgiana, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Mattie Brundage, 4500 haddock, 500 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 4200 haddock, 1500 cod, 11,000 hake, 1000 cusk, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Alice, 6000 haddock, 3000 cod, 7500 hake, 1500 pollock.
Sch. Galatea, 5000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 hake, 4000 cusk.
Sch. Hobo, 8000 cod.
Sch. Lafayette, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Madeline, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 1000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Mary Emerson, 6500 cod.
Sch. Mattie F. Knowlton, 1000 haddock, 500 hake.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, 2000 haddock, 400 cod, 700 pollock.
Sch. Ignatius Enos, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Almeida, 3500 haddock, 1200 cod, 5000 hake, 1000 cusk, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 50,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 3000 hake, 7000 cusk.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 hake, 1000 cusk.
Sch. Mary F. Curtis, 60,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Pauline, 20,000 pollock.
Sch. Good Luck, 20,000 pollock.
Sch. Manomet.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Hockomock, 4500 haddock, 800 cod.
Sch. James W. Parker, 40,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 8000 haddock, 1500 cod, 8000 hake, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Susan and Mary, 45,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Morning Star, 17,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 8000 haddock, 4000 cod, 17,000 hake.
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 10,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 4000 hake, 3000 cusk, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Rose Standish, 10,000 pollock.
Sch. Minerva, 5500 haddock, 800 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Motor, 1300 haddock, 200 cod.
Sch. Valentinna, 2500 haddock, 800 cod, 1200 pollock.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 1500 haddock, 200 cod, 800 hake.
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 4000 haddock, 900 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, 6000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Rob Roy, 20,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 10,000 cusk.
Shore haddock, \$4 per cwt.; new off shore haddock, \$3.25; old off shore haddock, \$2.75; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4.25; market cod, \$2 to \$4; hake, \$2 to \$4.25; cusk, \$1.50; pollock, \$1.50.

Smelts from Provinces More Plentiful.

For the first time since the Thanksgiving storm a good supply of smelts was received at T wharf Saturday. Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Maine fishermen sending considerable quantities.

Lunenburg, N. S., Notes.

Sch. Stanley, is at Zwicker's wharf loading fish for Trinidad.

Sch. Carrie L. Hirtle, from Gaspe with fish, arrived at Oporto Wednesday.

Sch. Minnie May has finished discharging 450 quintals of codfish.

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HERRING NOW REPORTED PLENTIFUL.

Good hauls of herring were made at Bonne Bay, N. F., yesterday, and the latest reports from Bay of Islands show that the fleet is taking herring there and the boats getting good fishing. Some of the Bonne Bay fleet are leaving for Bay of Islands, so that this week will see only a few vessels left at the former place, and all of these have partial loads. The first cargo of frozen herring is already on the way home.

Sch. Annie M. Parker is bringing the frozen fare. The craft loaded at Bonne Bay, and the fish were frozen with ice, salt and pans, being what are commonly termed "artificially" frozen, although the term is misleading.

Sch. J. J. Flaherty will leave Bonne Bay today with a cargo of salt herring for this port.

Schs. Maxine Elliott and J. W. Bradley are bound around from Bonne Bay to Bay of Islands. Sch. Flirt will remain at Bonne Bay to finish loading.

Late yesterday afternoon the Nova Scotia sch. Ida M. Clark arrived at this port from Liverpool, N. S., and vicinity, with a cargo of 955 barrels of pickled herring for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, by whom the craft was chartered. The cargo, being dutiable, was duly entered at the custom house. The craft is commanded by a familiar face in the person of Capt. Robert Winslow, who goes dory handling from here each summer in sch. Flirt. The herring are medium sized.

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Good Haddock Stocks.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis, Capt. Miles Somers, stocked \$2240 as the result of her recent haddock trip landed yesterday at Boston. This is one of the largest stocks of the season in this fishery.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. James D. Goodwin, stocked \$1950 on her haddock trip landed at this port yesterday, the crew sharing \$33.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Capt. Joshua W. Stanley, stocked \$1570 on her haddock trip at Boston yesterday.

Sch. Rex, Capt. John Grady, stocked \$1231 on her haddock trip landed at this port yesterday, the crew sharing \$22.19.

Sch. James W. Parker, Capt. William Clark, stocked \$1240 on her haddock trip at Boston yesterday.

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FISH AND AIR.

Water Containing Sufficient for Them To Exist.

How does a fish contrive to live in an ice covered pond, into which no air can enter. This question has puzzled many. A naturalist deals with the question thus: The matter troubles the fish but little. In Siberian or American rivers, they catch fish through three or more feet of ice, and find them in capital condition too. Yet the fish must have air. How does he get it? It is in the water at all times, plenty of it. You may discover its pressure by allowing water slowly to become warm in a vessel of tin or iron. The air, which is held in the water, very much as water is held in a sponge, is expanded by the heat, and may be seen gathering in small bubbles attached to the surface of the vessel. A fish needs very little air, for he has very little blood, and this is sufficiently oxidized by coming in contact with air in the water forced through his gills. If you take a fish from his element you will observe his gills to reddened suddenly. This is due to the rapid oxidation of the blood. The fish is killed by excess of air.

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ONE FARE OF PICKLED HERRING

Only Arrival Here Except Market Boats.

Outside of a lot of the market boats, which dodged in before the gale rose to its height, and one Nova Scotia vessel which came in laden, there have been no arrivals since last report. The boats at the wharves got out extra warps and second anchors were the rule with those in the stream.

The herring craft was the Lockport, N. S., sch. Ida M. Clark, chartered by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, with a barrelled pickled herring cargo, secured at Liverpool, N. S., and vicinity. She reached port before the storm came on heavy.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Br. Sch. Ida M. Clark, Liverpool, N. S., 955 bbls. pickled herring.
Sch. Buema, shore.
Sch. Stranger, shore.
Sch. Little Fanny, shore.
Sch. Etta B., shore.
Sch. Emily Sears, shore.
Sch. Motor, shore.
Sch. Georgianna, shore.
Steamer Norwood, shore.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, Boston.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, Boston.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, Boston.
Sch. Mary D. Costa, Boston.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, Boston.
Sch. Mary F. Curtis, Boston.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut 12c per lb.
Board of trade prices:
Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.25.
Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.
Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Smuggler is at Louisburg, C. E., held up by a northwest gale.
Sch. Essex left Louisburg, C. E., Monday for Bay of Islands.
Sch. Ella M. Goodwin is fitting for a Newfoundland herring trip, under command of Capt. Douglas McLean.

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Portland Fish Notes.

Quite a number of fares of fish were brought in yesterday, which will bring good prices today. The schooner Fanny Reed, which came in late Saturday with a fare of 14,000 pounds, had a very rough passage up from the eastward, her decks and rigging being covered with ice, and her sails had also suffered damage.

The arrivals included sch. Fanny Reed, 14,000 pounds fresh fish, sch. Alice M. Guthrie, sch. Albert W. Black 15,000 pounds, sch. Kate C. Palmer 5000 pounds, sch. Island Gem 2000 pounds, sch. A. P. Parkhurst 2000 pounds, sloop Minerva 2000 pounds sch. Albert D. Willard.

Made Quick Pollock Trip.

Sch. Pauline, Capt. Percy W. Firth, of this port, has made a remarkable record last week and this week so far. Last week while others were hugging the harbors Capt. Firth made three trips and captured the position of high liner of the pollock fishermen. Yesterday was his first call at T wharf this week, but he expects to be back again either tomorrow or Thursday. His last trip was one of the shortest made, as he left T wharf late Saturday and was back early Sunday night, and in the few hours he was out his men caught 20,000 pounds of pollock.

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FISH PLENTY AT BOSTON.

Large Fleet Arrived There Despite the Storm.

Despite the heavy easterly storm which raged with such violence all last night, a good sized fleet of fishing vessels succeeded in reaching T wharf and opening time found 28 vessels there with fish fares and about every trip a good money maker. Prices ruled high, as the dealers know that there is no fishing going on today and the chances of even a fair supply tomorrow are slim. The indications are that Wednesday's prices will be even better than today's high market.

All the fleet in, excepting schs. Onato and Benjamin F. Phillips, are shore boats, with fares of from 5000 to 28,000 pounds, sch. Pontiac being on deck for a big stock with the latter amount. Schs. Manomet, Rena A. Percy, Athena, Seaconnet, Catherine D. Enos and Ethel B. Penny, have between 15,000 and 22,000 pounds, which means big checks for each one. Several crafts have 10,000 pound catches or thereabouts.

Of the off shores, sch. Onato drove home in the easterly from Western Bank with a fine catch, 59,000 pounds and stands to stock about \$2000 for her haddock sold at \$3.80 per hundred weight right through, for old and new. Sch. Benjamin F. Phillips dashed in from South Channel, driving up across the bay this morning reaching the dock about 8 o'clock. Her catch was unreported. Capt. Powers reports the gale of last night as very heavy indeed.

Shore haddock touched \$4.50 and large cod, \$5.50, with hake all the way from \$2.50 to \$5.

Among the receipts at Boston yesterday morning were 249 boxes of frozen mackerel from Newport. This is part of the mackerel left there by seiners and netters when the fish were running freely in that vicinity, and were put into the freezers for the time when mackerel had run out on the fishing grounds.

For Monday there were a lot of smelts put on the market. The day is usually a light one for fish that have to come so far, but the fishermen sent their smelts by express Sunday and they arrived early Monday morning in good order. Among them were a lot of chilled smelts from New Brunswick, where the cold weather is giving the fishermen a chance to partly freeze their fish. The latter fish arrived in good condition and are a precursor of the regular frozen smelts which will begin to arrive soon.

For the week ending Thursday night, 134 arrivals with 1,501,700 pounds of fresh fish were landed at Boston against 101 arrivals with 1,027,600 pounds for the corresponding week last year.

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The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Appomattox, 14,000 pollock.
Sch. Ralph Russell, 15,000 pollock.
Sch. Freedom, 2500 cod.
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 8000 haddock, 6000 hake.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 3000 hake.
Steamer Quoddy, 12,000 pollock.
Sch. Yankee, 3000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Hope, 4000 haddock, 1500 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Aspinet, 6000 haddock, 2500 cod, 3000 cusk, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Cherokee, 2700 cod.
Sch. Priscilla, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Galatea.
Sch. Lydia, 500 haddock, 500 cod, 200 hake.
Sch. Rebecca, 6000 haddock, 7000 cod.
Sch. Ethel B. Penny, 7000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 hake, 7000 cusk.
Sch. Benj. F. Phillips.
Sch. Onato, 48,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 2000 haddock, 16,000 cod.
Sch. Seaconnet, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 hake, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Pontiac, 10,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 5000 hake, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Athena, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake, 4000 cusk.
Sch. Emily Cooney, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Lillian.
Sch. Hortense, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake, 500 pollock.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 6000 hake, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Mary Edith, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Manomet, 6000 haddock, 4000 cod, 12,000 hake.
Sch. Rena A. Percy, 6000 haddock, 5000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Haddock, \$3.80 to \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$5.50; market cod, \$2.50; hake, \$2.50 to \$5; cusk, \$1.25; pollock, \$2.15 to \$2.30.

Haddock Prices.

The haddock of the fresh fish fare of sch. Rex, which sold here yesterday to the firm of Neal & Company, brought \$3.25 per hundred weight for new and \$2.25 for old.

Sailed on Herring Trip.

Sch. Athlete sailed Saturday on a herring trip to Bay of Islands, N. F.

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ANOTHER SALT HERRING CARGO.

The British sch. Strathcona arrived here this morning from Bonne Bay, N. F., with a full cargo of salt herring, consigned to Fred Bradley, who has sold the cargo to the local smokers to be divided. The cargo, being dutiable, was entered at the custom house this forenoon, and the work of discharging the cargo was quickly begun. The craft had a hard time of it in the gale of Monday night and Tuesday morning, but escaped damage.

The captain of the Strathcona says that he came out from Bonne Bay Sunday, in company with sch. Alice R. Lawson, and that it was Capt. Rudolph of the latter craft with whom he had the little wager as to which would first reach Gloucester, and not Capt. Nelson of sch. Senator Gardner, which left the Friday before.

The craft made a fine passage down the gulf, but the skipper, who jumped aboard at the last minute to bring her here, found soon after getting out that there was only a barrel of coal on board, and all the water was in a cask on deck.

The craft took on some seas on the way down the gulf, and the water soon became salt, so he was forced to take his craft into Louisburg, C. B., for both of these necessities and this practically destroyed his chances of getting here first.

The Strathcona struck into the last easterly gale, coming across the Bay of Fundy. The skipper run her until his log, at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning, gave him 28 miles from Thatcher's island, and then hove her to, making sail again after the gale abated and reaching port without further incident.

He reports that the gale, while it lasted, was a very heavy one, and by far the worst of the whole trip. The wind was accompanied by a very bad sea.